



PATENT Atty. Docket No. PCOS:018

DECLARATION

As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

My residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below next to my name.

I believe I am an original, first and joint inventor of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled "Zipper Fins For Plastic Bags," the specification of which is attached hereto.

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to patentability as defined in 37 C.F.R. § 1.56(a).

I hereby claim foreign priority benefits under 35 U.S.C. § 119 or § 365(b) of any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate, or § 365(a) of any PCT international application which designated at least one country other than the United States, listed below and have also identified below, by checking the box, any foreign application for patent or inventor's certificate, or PCT international application, having a filing date before that of the application on which priority is claimed.

	PRIOR FOREIGN API	PLICATIONS		Priority <u>Claimed</u>
	Number	Country	Day/Month/Year Filed	Yes/No
below.	I hereby claim the ber	nefit under 35 U.S.C. § 1	19(e) of any United States provisi	onal application(s) listed
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I hereby claim the benefit under 35 U.S.C. § 120 of any United States application(s), or § 365(c) of any PCT international application designating the United States, listed below and, insofar as the subject matter of each of the claims of this application is not disclosed in the prior United States or PCT international application in the manner provided by the first paragraph of 35 U.S.C. § 112, I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to patentability as defined in 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 which became available between the filing date of the prior application and the national or PCT international filing date of this application.

08/759,445	December 5, 1996	Pending
Application Number	Filing Date	Status

I hereby direct that all correspondence and telephone calls be addressed as follows.

Ronald B. Coolley Reg. No. 27,187 Arnold White & Durkee P.O. Box 4433 Houston, TX 77210 (312) 744-0090





I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code, and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

Full name of first inventor:	David V. Dobreski
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Post Office Address:	Same as Residence
Citizenship:	U.S.A. // ///////
Inventor's signature:	lad of
Date:	5/7/99
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Residence:	6468 Vincent Hill Road, Canandaigua, New York 14424
Post Office Address:	Same as Residence
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In Re	Application Of:) Atty. Docket No.: PCOS:018	
	David V. Dobreski Steve P. Long) Examiner: Not Assigned	
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For:	Zipper Fins For Plastic Bags	addressed to the Assistant Commissioner Patents, Washington, D.C. 20231, on August 1999. Signature: Janet T. Cizmar	

SUBMISSION OF POWER OF ATTORNEY

Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

Submitted herewith is an "Election Under 37 C.F.R. §§ 3.71 and 3.73 And Power Of Attorney" for the above-referenced application.

Respectfully submitted,

Date: $\frac{8/26/99}{}$

John C. Gatz Reg. No. 41,774

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ELECTION UNDER 37 C.F.R. §§ 3.71 AND 3.73 AND POWER OF ATTORNEY

Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

The undersigned, being Assignee of record of the entire interest in the above-identified application by virtue of an Assignment recorded in the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office as set forth below, hereby elects, under 37 C.F.R. § 3.71, to prosecute the application to the exclusion of the inventors.

The Assignee hereby revokes any previous Powers of Attorney and appoints:

Timothy R. Baumann, Reg. No. 40,502 Michael J. Blankstein, Reg. No. 37,097 Matthew O. Brady, Reg. No. P-44,554 Mary Jo Boldingh, Reg. No. 34,713 Daniel J. Burnham, Reg. No. 39,618 Mark V. Campagna, Reg. No. 42,380 Ronald B. Coolley, Reg. No. 27,187 Roger J. French, Reg. No. 27,786 Janet M. Garetto, Reg. No. 42,568 John C. Gatz, Reg. No. 41,774 Russell J. Genet, Reg. No. 42,571

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each an attorney or agent for the firm of ARNOLD WHITE & DURKEE, as its attorney or agent for so long as they remain with such firm, with full power of substitution and revocation, to prosecute the application, to make alterations and amendments therein, to transact all business in the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office in connection therewith, to receive any Letters Patent, and to file any request for a certificate of correction that may be deemed appropriate for one year after issuance of such Letters Patent.

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 3.73, the undersigned has reviewed the evidentiary documents, specifically the Assignment referenced below, and certifies that to the best of his knowledge and belief, title remains in the name of the Assignee, TENNECO PACKAGING INC...

Please direct all communications as follows.

Ronald B. Coolley ARNOLD WHITE & DURKEE P.O. Box 4433 Houston, TX 77210-4433 (312) 744-0090

TENNECO PACKAGING INC.

Date: 9/23/99 Name: Day 8. Barnes)

Title: Assistant Secretary

Assignment

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ASSIGNMENT

FOR GOOD AND VALUABLE CONSIDERATION, the receipt, sufficiency and adequacy of which are hereby acknowledged, the undersigned do hereby:

SELL, ASSIGN AND TRANSFER to Tenneco Packaging Inc. (the "Assignee"), a corporation of Delaware, having a place of business at 1900 West Field Court, Lake Forest, Illinois 60045, the entire right, title and interest for the United States and all foreign countries in and to any and all improvements which are disclosed in the application for United States Letters Patent, which has been executed by the undersigned concurrently herewith, and is entitled "Zipper Fins For Plastic Bags," such application and all provisional, divisional, continuing, substitute, renewal, reissue and all other applications for patent which have been or shall be filed in the United States and all foreign countries on any of such improvements; all original and reissued patents which have been or shall be issued in the United States and all foreign countries on such improvements; and specifically including the right to file foreign applications under the provisions of any convention or treaty and claim priority based on such application in the United States;

AUTHORIZE AND REQUEST the issuing authority to issue any and all United States and foreign patents granted on such improvements to the Assignee;

WARRANT AND COVENANT that no assignment, grant, mortgage, license or other agreement affecting the rights and property herein conveyed has been or will be made to others by the undersigned, and that the full right to convey the same as herein expressed is possessed by the undersigned;

COVENANT, when requested and at the expense of the Assignee, to carry out in good faith the intent and purpose of this Assignment, the undersigned will execute all provisional, divisional, continuing, substitute, renewal, reissue, and all other patent applications on any and all such improvements; execute all rightful oaths, declarations, assignments, powers of attorney and other papers; communicate to the Assignee all facts known to the undersigned relating to such improvements and the history thereof; and generally do everything possible which the Assignee shall consider desirable for vesting title to such improvements in the Assignee, and for securing, maintaining and enforcing proper patent protection for such improvements;

TO BE BINDING on the heirs, assigns, representatives and successors of the undersigned and extend to the successors, assigns and nominees of the Assignee.

STATE OF Now York
COUNTY OF Ontario

BEFORE ME, the undersigned authority, on this $\underline{\gamma}^{\underline{+}\underline{n}}$ day of May 1999, personally appeared David V. Dobreski, known to me to be the person whose name is subscribed to the foregoing instrument, and acknowledged to me that he executed the same of his own free will for the purposes and consideration therein expressed.

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SUZANNE L. PARMENTER Notary Public Stat of New York Ontario County Reg #01PA5074941 Commission Expires March 24, 200

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BEFORE ME, the undersigned authority, on this day of May 1999, personally appeared Steve P. Long, known to me to be the person whose name is subscribed to the foregoing instrument, and acknowledged to me that he executed the same of his own free will for the purposes and consideration therein expressed.

Notary Public

[seal]

SUZANNE L. PARMENTER
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To the best of my knowledge and belief, the foregoing information is true and correct and any attached copy is a true copy of the original

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I, EDWARD J. FREEL, SECRETARY OF STATE OF THE STATE OF

DELAWARE, DO HEREBY CERTIFY THE ATTACHED IS A TRUE AND CORRECT

COPY OF THE CERTIFICATE OF AMENDMENT OF "TENNECO PACKAGING

INC.", CHANGING ITS NAME FROM "TENNECO PACKAGING INC." TO

"PACTIV CORPORATION", FILED IN THIS OFFICE ON THE FOURTH DAY OF

NOVEMBER, A.D. 1999, AT 4:01 O'CLOCK P.M.

Edward J. Freel, Secretary of State

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FROM RICHARDS, LAYTON & FINGER #1

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CERTIFICATE OF AMENDMENT

OF

RESTATED CERTIFICATE OF INCORPORATION

OF

TENNECO PACKAGING INC.

Tenneco Packaging Inc., a corporation duly organized and existing under the General Corporation Law of the State of Delaware (the "Corporation"), does hereby certify that:

1. The Restated Certificate of Incorporation of the Corporation is hereby amended by deleting Article FIRST thereof and inserting the following in lieu thereof:

"FIRST. The name of the Corporation is Pactiv Corporation."

- 2. The foregoing amendment was duly adopted in accordance with the provisions of Sections 242 and 228 (by the written consent of the sole stockholder of the Corporation) of the General Corporation Law of the State of Delaware.
- 3. This Certificate of Amendment, and the amendment effected hereby, shall become effective at 4:01 p.m., Eastern Standard Time, on November 4, 1999.

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FROM RICHARDS, LAYTON & FINGER #1

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, Tenneco Packaging Inc. has caused this Certificate to be executed by its duly authorized officer, on this We day of Manufact, 1999.

TENNECO PACKAGING INC.

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Richard L. Wambolo

President

JULY 26, 1999

PO BOX 4433 HOUSTON, TX

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ASSIGNOR:

LONG, STEVE P.

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